

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under the suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to the Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on measures will be rolled until 6:30 on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will convene at 10 a.m. for legislative business, and we may consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as two bills under a rule, H.R. 1279, Gang Deterrence and Community Protection Act of 2005; and H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the majority deputy whip for that information. I will continue to yield to the gentleman to ask about the gang violence and the first responder bills. Which day will we consider each bill, and what type of rule is anticipated for each bill?

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to defer on the rules to the Committee on Rules chairman. He will have some announcements regarding rules on those bills when he speaks.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I am planning, as soon as this fascinating colloquy is completed, to ask unanimous consent to make a formal announcement to our colleagues which will request that amendments be filed with us upstairs for consideration of the measures.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Deputy Whip, does leadership anticipate having votes next Friday?

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. I yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, at this moment we are scheduled to work on Friday. If we determine that is not necessary, we will announce that as soon in the week as possible. But at this point we are scheduled to work next Friday.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, continuing to yield to the gentleman, I understand we have appropriation bills coming up, and we understand we may have a number of appropriation bills on the floor prior to the Memorial Day district work period. Which appropriation bills will be considered prior to the recess?

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Appropriations is moving their work along at an extraordinary pace, particularly based on the fact that they also were able to get this supplemental done today in a way that

has not slowed down the progress we are seeing this year. We are hopeful to get many, if not all, of these bills done by the early part of July and expect to have some of these bills on the floor the week of May 16.

The two bills that I think are the furthest along are Interior and Homeland Security, and it is likely that they would be first.

As has been our process for a while, we would intend to move to the appropriations bills whenever they are available. In many ways the rest of the calendar will respond to the work coming out of the Committee on Appropriations and ready for the floor.

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Missouri for all of that valuable information. We appreciate it.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO FILE REPORT ON H.R. 1279, GANG DETERRENCE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT OF 2005

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight tonight to file its report on H.R. 1279.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 1544, FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT OF 2005

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of May 9 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1544, the Faster and Smarter Funding For First Responders Act of 2005.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by noon on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Homeland Security on April 21, 2005. Members are advised that the report of the Committee on Homeland Security, House Report 109-65, was filed on April 28. Members are also advised that the text of the reported bill will be available on the Web sites of the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments

comply with the rules of the House.

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Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by noon on Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on the Judiciary on April 20, 2005. Members are advised that the report of the Committee on the Judiciary is expected to be filed today, Thursday, May 5, and Members are also advised that the text of the reported bill should be available for their review on the Web sites of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Rules by this evening.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

Mr. Speaker, with that I wish my colleagues a happy Cinco de Mayo and a Happy Mother's Day.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1638

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1638.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 513

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 513.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HEPATITIS B AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Commerce be